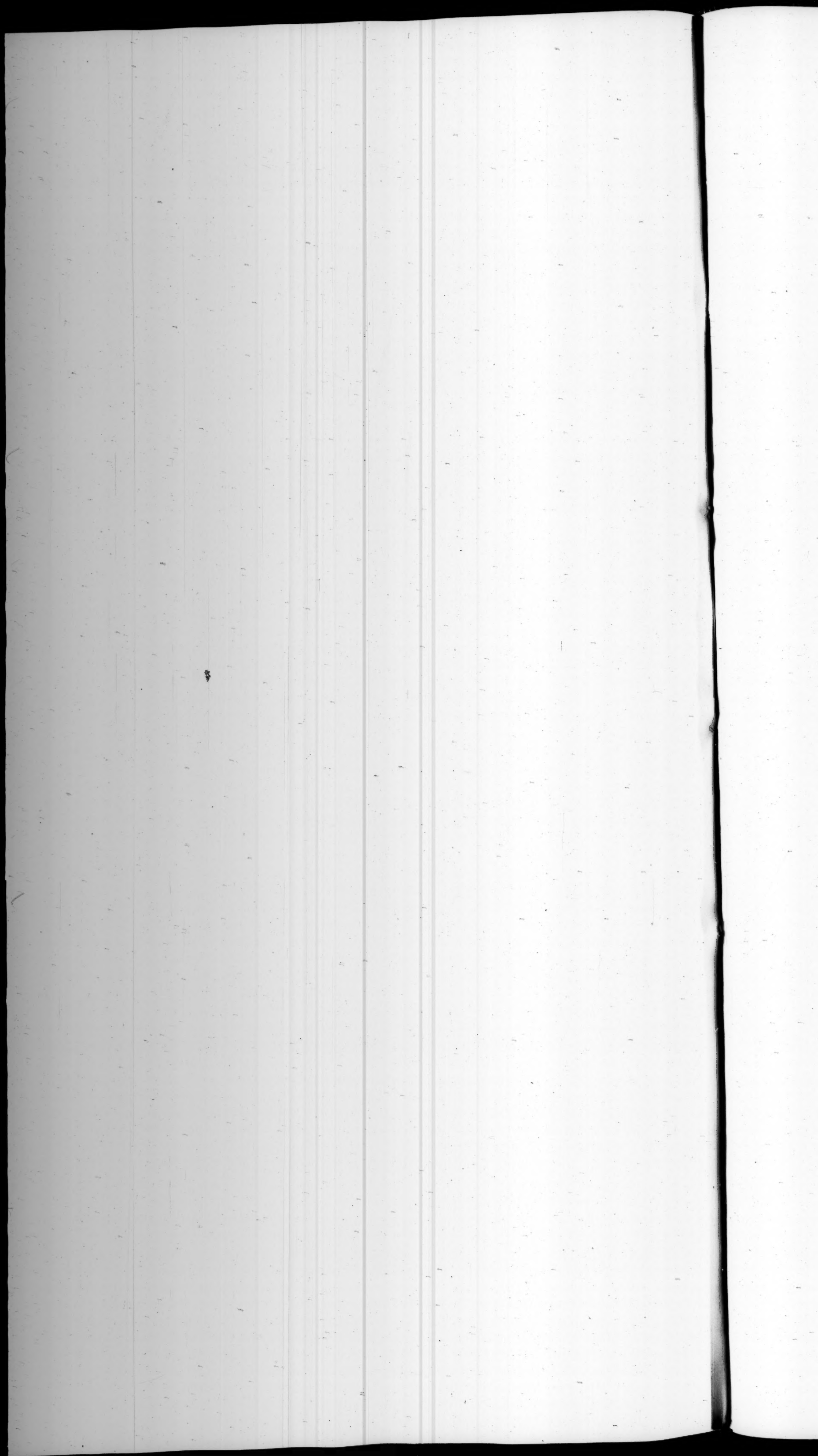


**A proclamation set furthe by the kynges maiestie, Wyth the aduise of his  
highnes most honozable prīue counsaill, in the. v. yere of his highnes most prosperous  
reigne, for the prīces of victualles.**



Wher by an acte of Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogaci-  
on the. xxv. day of January, in the. xxv. yere of the reigne of the mooste  
noble Prince of worthy memozy king Henry the. viii. it was enacted a-  
mongest other thinges, that vpon complaintes made of enhaunsing of  
prīces of victualles necessary for mens sustenance, in any parte of this  
realme, or in any other of the kinges dominions. The lord Chaunceloz  
of Englande, the Lord Treasorer, the Lord President of the kinges  
counsaill, the lord Prīue Seale, the lord Stuarde, the Lord Cham-  
berleine, & al other lordes of the kinges counsaill, the Treasorer and Comptroller of the kinges house,  
The Chauncelloz of the Duchie of Lancaster, the kinges Justices of either Benche, the Chauncelloz  
Chamberleines, vnder Treasorer and the Barons of the kinges Exchequer, or. vii. of theym, wherof the  
lord Chaunceloz, the lord Treasorer, the lord President of the kinges counsaill, or the lord prīue Seale, to  
be one, should haue power & aucthorite, from time to time, as the case shoulde requite, to set & taxe reaso-  
nable prīces of al kinde of victualles necessary for mans sustenance, how they shoulde be sold in grosse  
or by retaile. And that after such prīces set and taxed in foure aforesaid, Proclamation shoulde be made  
in the kinges name vnder the great seale, of thesaid prīces, & that al fermors, Owners, Broggers, & o-  
ther victuallers hauing or keping any kind of victual to thintent to sel, shal sel the same to such the kin-  
ges subiectes as wil buy them, at such prīces as shalbe set and taxed by thesaid proclamation, vpon the  
paynes to be expessed and limited in thesaid Proclamation, to be luffed, forfayted and leuted to the kin-  
ges yle, in suche wise, as in thesayde proclamation shoulde be declared, as in thesayde acte moze at large  
amongest other thinges appereth. Wherfore, vpon diuerse good and pitiful complaintes, made of the  
greate and excessiue prīces of victualles necessary for mans sustenance, the Lord Chaunceler of En-  
gland, the Lord Treasorer, the lord prīue Seale, and other of the kinges mooste honozable counsaill, to  
the number expessed in thesayde acte, by vertue and aucthoritee of thesaid acte, assembled at Windesore  
together the. xxx. day of August last past, after deliberate consultation therof, haue set and taxed prīces  
of certeine victualles in foyme folowing.

First, that the greatest leane Ore, shal not be solde aboue the some of. xl. s. Item the leane Ore, of the  
second sozte, not to be solde aboue the summe of. xxxiii. s. iiii. d. The leane Ore of the thirde sozte, not to be  
solde aboue the summe of. xxvi. s. viii. d. The best, greatest, and fattest Ore, shal not be solde aboue the  
summe of. llii. s. iiii. d. The fatte Ore of the second sozte, shal not be solde aboue the Summe of. xliii. s.  
i. d. The fatte Ore of the thirde sozte shal not be solde aboue the summe of. xxxiii. s. iiii. d. The leane  
Shepe of the greatest sozte, not to be solde aboue the summe of. iiii. s. iiii. d. The leane Shepe of the se-  
conde sozte, not to be solde aboue the summe of. ii. s. viii. d. The leane Shepe of the thirde sozte, not to bee  
sold aboue the summe of. ii. s. The fat shepe of the gretetst sozt, shal not be sold aboue the summe of. v. s.  
The fat shepe of the second sozte, shal not be solde aboue the summe of. iiii. s. The fatte shepe of the. iiii.  
sozte shal not be solde aboue the summe of. iiii. s. And that no Befe, nor Dozke, be sold raw, by retayle  
aboue the summe of peny half farthing the pounce. Nor Ucale or Mutton rawe by retaile aboue peny  
halfpeny the pounce. And that no maner of person, shal sel by retaile any great thick Eller chese aboue  
the rate of halfpeny half farding the pound, nor any other chese by retaile, aboue halfpeny farthing the  
pounce.

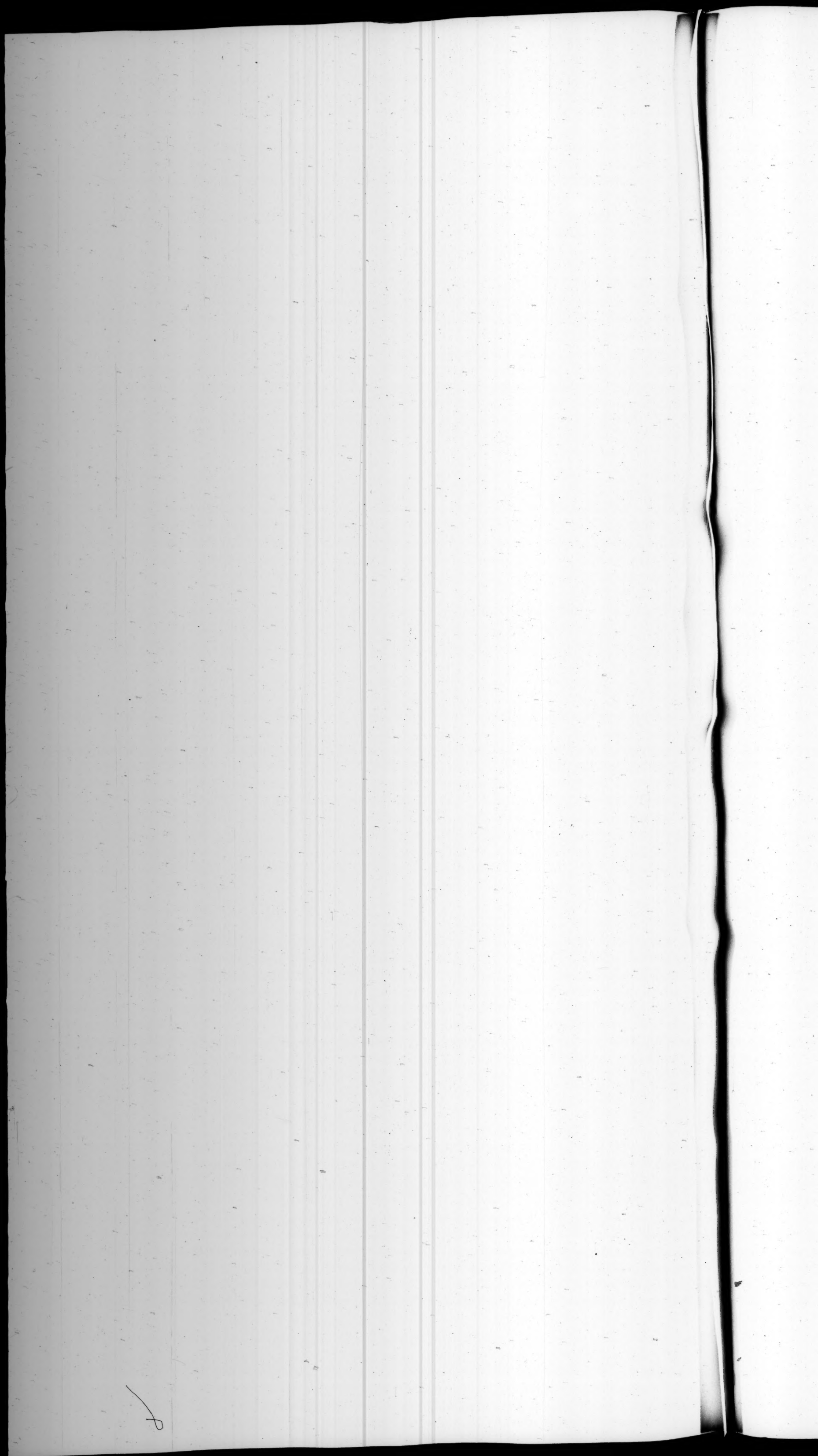




**The Kynges** most excellent maiestie, most graciously tendering the common wealth of this his realme, besides diuerse remedies already prouided, aswel in Parliamentes as in other consultations, hath for remedie therof, of late, to his owne greate losse, abated, and decayed the valuation of his corne by his seuerall proclamations, thinking therby, the excessiue prices of al thinges, of good congruence should consequently fall and abate, as by naturall reason and equite necessarily it ought and shoulde. Neuerthelesse, contrary to his graces expectation, diuerse vnSATIABLE and greedy personnes, in whose handes a greate parte of the victuall of this realme by regratinge resteth, being boide of all charitable regarde and respect to the commō wealth of their naturall countrey, for their owne wealth and filthy lucre, do not onely by their vndue, subtil and sinistre practises continue their excessiue prices of all maner of victualles, but also asmuche as in them lieth, dayly do inuent and study for the increase of thesame, to the greate detriment and bitter vndoing of the greater parte of his louing subiectes being forced to fetch their necessary victual at their handes, whiche his maiestie wil not can in no wise suffer. And therfore graciously assenting and agreyng to thesaide rates and prices, and intending to proclaim and publishe thesame, most straightly chargeth and commaundeth, that no person or persones, from hencefurth do sell or cause to be sold, the greatest leane Oxe, aboute the summe of .xl. s. vpon paine of forfeiture of .xx. markes of curraunt mony of this realme, for euery leane Oxe so by him solde. For any leane Oxe of the seconde sorte, aboute the summe of xxxiii. s. iiii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture of .x. l. of like mony, for euery Oxe by him so solde. For any leane Oxe of the thirde sorte, aboute the summe of .xxvi. s. viii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture of .vi. l. xiii. s. iiii. d. for euery Oxe so solde by him. For the greatest, fattest and best Oxe, to be solde aboute the summe of liii. s. iiii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture of .xx. markes, for euery Oxe so by him sold. For any fat Oxe of the seconde sorte, to be solde aboute the summe of .xlvi. s. iiii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture of .x. poundes, for euery Oxe so solde. For any fat Oxe of the thirde sorte, to be solde aboute the summe of .xxviii. s. iiii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture, for euery such Oxe so solde, .vi. l. xiii. s. iiii. d. For shall sel any leane Sheepe of the greatest sort, aboute the summe of .iii. s. iiii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture of .iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. for euery suche Sheepe so solde. For any leane Sheepe of the seconde sorte, aboute the some of .ii. s. viii. d. vpon paine of forfeiture of .liii. s. iiii. d. for euery Sheepe so solde. For any leane Sheepe of the thirde sorte, aboute the some of .ii. s. vpon payne of forfeiture of .xl. s. for euery Sheepe so solde. For shall sel any fat Sheepe of the greatest sorte, aboute the summe of fiue shillings, vpon paine of forfeiture of .iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. for euery Sheepe so solde. For any fat Sheepe of the second or meane sorte, aboute the price of .liii. s. vpon paine of forfeiture for euery fat Sheepe so solde, .liii. s. iiii. d. nor any fat Sheepe of the thirde sorte, aboute the summe of .liii. s. vpon paine of forfeiture of .xl. s. for euery Sheepe so to be solde.

And that no Butcher nor other persone shall sel any raw Beefe or Pork by retails, aboute the Rate and summe of penny halfe fardynge the pounce, vpon paine of forfeiture of .vi. s. viii. d. for euery pounce so solde, nor shall sel beale or Mutton raw by retails, aboute .i. d. ob. the pounce, vpon payne of forfeiture of .vi. s. viii. d. for euery pounce so solde.

And that no maner of persone, shall sell by retails any greate thicke Essex chese aboute the rate of .ob. di. q̄. the pounce, vpon paine of forfeiture of .ii. s. for euery pounce so solde, nor any other chese, by retails aboute .ob. q̄. the pounce, vpon paine of forfeiture of .ii. s. for euery pounce, so to be solde: The same summes and forfeitures, to be leuied to the kynges vse, in forme followinge. That is to say, by byll, plaint, information, or accion of debt, to be taken befoze his Iustices of peace, in their Session, in any Countie, Citie, or tounne corporate, where any such offence shall be done, or in any other his courtes of Record, wherein no protection, essoyne or wager of law, shall be allowed for the defendaunt: the one moite of al such





forfeit or forfeitures to be to the use of his majesty & the other mozte thereof to the use of him or theym that shall first sue and pursue thesame with effect. And that every persone and persones, that have reared, or shall rear or kepe, or have fatted or shall fat or kepe any suche cattall, or shepe, to thintent to sel thesame, shall upon request made, sel thesame at the price aforesaide, upon payne of forfeiture for every such refusal twentie poundes, thesame to be recovered and leuied in forme aforesaide, and to suffer imprisonment at the kinges wil and pleasure.

His highnes also strenghtly chargeth and commaundeth al and every his Justices of peace immediately after this proclamation published and proclaymed, to assemble themselves, and to take order, by deputation, or otherwise, for the good and perfect execution of this proclamation. And doeth further signifie to his sayde Justices, that as he wil wel consider and aduance their diligence, and wel doyng in the premises: So wil he seuerly and sharply punishe their negligence in contrary doynges.

And for the better effect, sequelle, and successe of this proclamation, his highnes by thaduise of his most honorable counsaill, hath determined to addresse, his special commissioners for the hearing and examination of the defaultes & negligent doynges of his said Justices in the premises, yf any hap to be so, as his highnes may procede to the correction and punishment of suche Justices offenders, as the importance of the case shall require.

His majestee also strenghtly chargeth and commaundeth al and every his louing subiectes, that they ne any of them from hencefurth attempt to take from any owner, any cattail or victuall afoze mentioned against the wil of suche owner, otherwise the is aforesaide, or by the deliuey of the Justices of the peace or some of theym, upon paine of losse of al their goodes and cattails, and to suffer imprisonment during the kinges pleasor.

God saue the King.

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